

## WAR ZONE NOW TO BE EFFECTIVE

With February 18 Germany is Expected to Enforce, or To Endeavor to Enforce, Recent Ruling.

### HEAVY FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

Berlin Still Celebrates Von Hindenburg's Skill in Driving the Russians Out of Prussia.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The time limit Germany placed for neutral shipping to take measures of safety has expired and Germany is now expected to put into operation its declared intention of employing submarines and mines in waters around the British Isles. In the meantime, Germany, in developing the submarine warfare, has added another merchant ship to the list, sinking the Ville de Lille.

Regarding the fighting on land, it is apparent heavy fighting is taking place in Belgium and France. The French claim not only to have maintained the ground recently gained, but captured German trenches and expelled counter attacks. There is little change in the east.

Two French aviators dropped bombs on the railway station at Freiburg Baden.

Von Hindenburg's successful operations against the Russian tenth army corps, in East Prussia, are still being celebrated in Berlin, where Von Hindenburg's direction of the campaign is said to have been characterized by masterly skill. Officially it is announced the German troops still are following the Russians north of the Niemen river. In Poland, north of the Vistula, from Plock, recently occupied by the Germans, to Ralsk, another great battle is apparently developing. Fighting in that region is all along the entire boundary of Serbia. The Albanian forces are active. Ochrida, 60 miles north of Jafina, has been captured by the Albanians and violent fighting is in progress in several places.

A Constantinople dispatch to Berlin says the Bulgarian seaport of Burgas, on the Aegean sea, has been blockaded by British and French warships, to prevent foodstuffs being transported to Germany and Austria through this route.

Copenhagen hears the report of 5,000,000 Germans, ineligible for army service, who have independent means, are to be ordered, by the German government, to proceed to neutral countries and there remain until the end of the war, in order to decrease the consumption of food in the empire.

### TELLS OF SINKING VILLE DE LILLE

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The official communication issued by the ministry of marine, tells of the sinking yesterday by the German submarine U-16 of the French steamer, Ville de Lille, off Barfour lighthouse, a short distance east of Cherbourg, after the submarine had given the crew ten minutes to leave the ship in boats.

The French steamer Ville de Lille, belonging to the Compagnie Navigation des Bateaux A vapeur du Nord sailing from Cherbourg to Dunkirk, was sighted by German submarine U-16 near the lighthouse at Barfour at 1:30 yesterday. The Ville endeavored to escape but was out speeded by the submarine. The men who boarded her, gave the crew ten minutes to leave in the ship's boats. They then sank the Ville by bombs placed in her interior. The submarine headed for a Norwegian steamer and sank out of sight when a division of French torpedo boats from Cherbourg appeared on the horizon. The Ville de Lille was a small steamer.

### MUST SUPPORT ALL STEP-CHILDREN

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 17.—A law requiring that step-fathers support the children of wives by former marriage was one of the chief recommendations of the report to the legislature by the state commission to investigate mothers pensions and being drawn by John Noylan, chairman of the commission.

### NEW CONGRESSMAN ON THE JOB EARLY



Judge Ed. B. Almon.

Judge Ed. B. Almon, who succeeds the late William Richardson as the representative of the eighth Alabama district in the house is already in Washington where he is familiarizing himself with the methods of congress before he becomes an active member. Judge Almon has served as a circuit judge and in both houses of the state legislature, was speaker in 1911 and fathered the bill which created the state highway commission. His hobbies are rural credits and national aid to good roads.

## SHIP PURCHASE BILL SNAGGED AGAIN IN SENATE

Amended Measure Still Fails To Satisfy Revolving Democrats and Bill is Expected To Perish.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The amended government ship purchase bill rushed through the house at an early hour, failed to gain ground when it reached the senate. Administration leaders tonight are in doubt as to what will be its fate. Early in the day it was discovered the amended bill failed to satisfy the recalcitrant Democrats or Progressive Republicans. Without the support of either of these factions it could not be passed.

In this situation the regular Democratic leaders realized nothing could be done unless some change in the measure could be effected in conference, but all of their efforts to send the amended bill to conference failed. Another attempt will be made tomorrow and then Republican leaders, who insist that the bill is dead, are expected to demand an understanding that appropriations bills will be taken up before they cease opposition.

Interest is centered in the special senate committee's inquiry into the charges of outside influences concerning the ship measure. Bernard Baker, formerly connected with the Atlantic Transport Company, told the committee of conferences with McAdoo in which he was informed by the secretary that eighty percent of the foreign ships tied up in American waters could not be considered available for purchase by the United States for foreign freight service because they were passenger vessels. Baker also stated W. J. Sicke, an official of the Hamburg-American line, told him he received orders from the German government not to sell any vessels in American ports to the United States.

### LABORERS IN BELGIUM TO GET FOOD AND BEDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—In order to approach tentatively a solution of the problem presented by the idleness of a large portion of the population of Belgium, the war relief commission of the Rockefeller Foundation has inaugurated in Holland an experiment in the direction of providing ample and useful labor be compensated by food and clothing, according to a report given out at the foundation headquarters tonight.

### ORANGE SHOW OPENS

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Feb. 17.—The national orange show opened tonight and will continue eight days. Five million oranges and lemons are displayed showing all phases of the citrus industry which will ship thirty-five million dollars in a crop this year.

## REPLY TO NOTE IS RECEIVED WASHINGTON

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### MAINTAINS ANXIETY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT

Note Quotes American Attitude During the Civil War And also During the Course Of the Spanish War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Great Britain's second and complete reply to the American note of protest, which last December asked an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet, was made public tonight by mutual agreement of the state department and the British foreign office.

The note denies the depression of American industries due to the activity of the British fleet and suggests among other causes, the shortage of shipping facilities as the consequent diminution of the cotton trade and the destruction by submarine mines "laid by the enemy indiscriminately" and of many neutral vessels.

After a lengthy and detailed answer to the charge that American ships and cargoes were being unduly detained, the communication concludes with the announcement that Great Britain intends to take retaliatory measures against the German submarine campaign but will not reveal their nature. It declares that no country, more so than Great Britain, has maintained the principle that belligerents abstain from interference with foodstuffs intended for civil population, but adds the German military organization is so complete there is no clear division between those whom the government is responsible for feeding and those for whom it is not.

"It unfortunately is true these days," says the note, "that when trade and finance of any war, and particularly of a war of any magnitude, must result in a serious dislocation of commerce, including that of nations that take no part in the war. Your excellency will realize that in this tremendous struggle, for the outbreak of which Great Britain is in no way responsible, it is impossible for the trade of any country to escape all injury or loss, for which his majesty's government is not to blame."

Sir Edward points out that only eight out of seven hundred and seventy-three ships sail from the United States for neutral European countries have been placed in prize courts and that only forty-five have been "temporarily detained in enable the consignments of cargo to be discharged for the purpose of prize court proceedings."

The note did not go into detail of the American ships detained on the high seas or taken to British ports for search. Great Britain declares she, too, is suffering a shortage of shipping and a rise in freight, as acutely if not more than other nations. She has taken every step consistent with belligerent interest to increase the tonnage available for transportation of sea-borne commerce.

The doctrine of continuous voyage as enunciated during the civil war by Secretary Seward, is quoted at length and the question of the ultimate destination argued in legal detail. To justify the detention of suspected cargoes when passing between neutral countries and taking them into port for examination, the cases of American practices during the Spanish-American war were also cited. The note says these precedents are inconsistent with the statement of the American government.

### WILL LIST RAILROADS WHAT DON'T PAY CLAIMS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—Movement to list railroads refusing to pay claims on damaged fruit and vegetables was begun by the Western Fruit Jobbers' convention in its closing session. A committee was appointed to report soon. G. W. Knight, traffic manager of the association, said several of the railroads absolutely refused to pay claims.

### GLIMPSES OF THE WAR IN POLAND, MONTENEGRO AND FRANCE



These pictures, just received from Europe, afford glimpses of the war on widely separated fields. At the top is seen a German lancer caught in a snow drift in Poland. At the lower left is a Montenegrin woman who has brought cigarettes to Montenegrin soldiers in the trenches. Photo at the lower right shows French Zouave officers in a captured German trench, and the body of a dead German soldier.

## JAP DEMANDS ON CHINA INTEREST ALL COUNTRIES

Japan States to Press That Demands will not Interfere With Territorial Integrity Of China.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Press dispatches from Peking and Tokyo concerning the Japanese demands on China, attracted much interest here, but officials of the United States and diplomats at the Japanese and other embassies would not discuss them in any way. The understanding from the best informed sources is that the Japanese demands as revealed to the powers, relate to certain localities and do not concern China, as a whole, affecting only the sections of Shan Tung, in southern Manchuria and Inner Mongolia.

The recent statement given to the press by the Tokyo foreign office was also communicated to the powers. Briefly, it assured them that nothing in Japanese demands interfered with the territorial integrity of China, or the principle of equal opportunity in the far east.

This tended to clarify the situation, which has been somewhat confused for foreign governments by various rumors and reports of an extensive plan for commercial expansion by Japan in China. The United States government has been kept in close touch with developments, along with Great Britain, France, Russia, through the embassies and legations in Europe as well as at Tokyo and Peking.

Also, Bryan and Ambassador Chalmers, it is understood, have discussed the situation informally here. Officials and diplomats have followed throughout the policy of rigid secrecy.

### AFTER BAD INDIAN

CORTEZ, Colo., Feb. 17.—Twenty-six mounted and heavily armed men started westward on a 60-mile ride to arrest Everett Hatch, a Piqua Indian outlaw. The Indian is charged with the murder of Juan Chacon. It is reported Hatch with a band of about 50 Indians, is preparing to resist the posse. He began killing cattle and sheep belonging to white settlers.

It is estimated that from three to five days will be required for the journey. The Indians outnumber the whites in the Bluff, Utah, neighborhood, where the officers will try to capture them.

### SPECULATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RAISE

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Only in a secondary way has speculation been responsible for the big advances the American public has to pay for flour, is the opinion of Henry Heinzer, chief statistician of the New York Produce Exchange, given at the resumption of the states' investigation of the increase in the cost of wheat and bran. The unprecedented demand for wheat from European countries, on account of the war is directly responsible, Heinzer declared. The hearing adjourned until Tuesday.

## BANDITS TRY TO HOLD UP ESPEE EXPRESS

Mail Clerks Bar Doors of Cars And Robbers Are Frightened off by an Investigating Party.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 17.—Two bandits held up the northbound Southern Pacific "Owl" a t Saugus, 35 miles north of here, and made an ineffectual attempt to rob the mail car. They were unable to break through the steel doors of the car, barricaded by mail clerks, and fled at the approach of an investigating party.

Two men boarded the train as it pulled out of Saugus, and ordered the train crew to uncouple the train back of this mail car. They then compelled the engine crew to pull the mail car a mile ahead, where they tried to force an entrance to the train. They paid no attention to the threats of the bandits. The passenger coaches were left inside the yard block system so that signals indicated the train had not left. This caused stationmen to investigate.

### EMPEROR MAY GO TO DIRECT THE BLOCKADE

LONDON (Thursday) Feb. 17.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen, the Daily Mail's correspondent says he has learned from Hamburg that the belief prevails there that Emperor William is going to Heligoland personally to direct Germany's submarine blockade.

## EMPEROR WILL APOLOGIZE TO AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Gerrard, While Attending Theatre, is Insulted—Emperor Will Express Regrets.

BASEL, Feb. 17.—Emperor William will apologize, personally, to American Ambassador Gerard for the hostile demonstration which occurred in Berlin the evening of February 5, according to a telegram from the German capital. The emperor, it is said, will express his regrets to Gerard on the occasion of the ambassador's visit to his majesty at the east Prussian fortress at Koelnburg.

Gerard is reported, in a dispatch to have accepted the emperor's invitation to go to Koelnburg. The Gerard party from the United States embassy was attending a theatre in Berlin when a man in the audience protested because they were talking English. When informed that his remarks were directed against the United States ambassador, the man began a violent tirade against the United States for permitting exportation of arms. The individual was finally suppressed by the theatre attendants.

### TOO MUCH MONARCHY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 17.—Thomas Atkins Hart, a former London "cabby," who called Judge Monroe "my lord," referred to the president as "his majesty" and termed Governor Johnson, "his grace," was ordered to study more and return later before he be granted naturalization papers.

### ABANDON MEXICO CITY

EL PASO, Feb. 17.—Obregon has evacuated Mexico City, according to advices tonight in Juarez from the south. It is said troops of Zapata had occupied the capital. It is also stated that troops under Villa scored a victory over Carranza forces at Santa Anaacatlan, between Zapolotlan and Manzanillo, a west coast port.

### SILLIMAN TO VERA CRUZ

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Bryan tonight announced that John Silliman, special representative of the state department, will go to Vera Cruz where the Carranza government has established the seat of government.

## GRAHAM MINE TAX MEASURE DIES IN HOUSE

House Fails to Pass Emergency Mine Measure—Two Thirds Vote Lacks Six to Carry it Through.

### LABOR FARMER COM BINATION EFFECTIVE

Substitute by Tax Commissioner May be Presented Zander Declares Against Any Special Measure.

PHOENIX, Feb. 17.—The bill having the endorsement of the Arizona Chapter of the American Mining Congress, providing a special statute for the taxation of producing mines, that last week passed the senate, was today killed in the house, the measure only receiving 17 affirmative votes when 24 were necessary. The bill was an emergency, which requires a two-thirds vote of the house membership, or 24.

The 17 members opposing the bill is a fairly accurate list of the opposition in the house between the agricultural and labor members. The opposing votes were Cliff Austin, Berry, Claypool, Cook, Edwards, Farrell, Francis, Lee, Limer, Marlar, McClain, Piskley, Powers, Proctor, Seconoy and Tamm. It was practically this same vote with the exception of Merrill and Francis, which attempted to pass the Powers prohibition bill, and it was interesting to note that nearly every roll call in the house during the last week has shown the 34 members voting, Francis being absent, to be decided on the same line up.

The advocates for a special mine tax bill may rally to a bill Silliman has announced it as his intention to introduce, or to a bill that Campbell of the tax commission, it is understood, is preparing.

Zander denies that the tax commission will approve any special statute for the assessment of mines, but it is generally believed that a majority in each branch of the legislature desires such and that sufficient strength can now be secured since the prohibition bill and the Graham mine tax bill, both of which were in the constitutional agreement, have been disposed of.

In the senate the good roads advocates won a victory by securing a favorable report from the finance committee on the bill providing for a state levy of ten cents for good roads to be expended along the lines recommended by State Engineer Cobb and further in the report of the finance committee refusing to recommend Stanley's bill placing good road work in charge of the state board of public welfare.

The senate county affairs committee approved the bill for the Casa Grande artesian well experiment and refused to endorse Webb's proposal for a legislative representation on re-apportionment. The senate committee on public lands reported favorably the bill creating Mt. Graham a game preserve and the senate, on recommendation, approved Bacon's bill for the cottage scheme at the hospital for the insane.

In the house the labor committee recommended favorably the bill for Sunday barber shop closing, and without discussion referred the Goldwater resolution providing for an investigation of state officials to the committee on efficient government.

The house received the bill, finally passed by the senate today, by Martin, providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment regarding all initiative and referendum measures submitted to a vote of the people to receive for approval a majority of all votes cast at such election.

### U. S. AUTHORITIES ARE ON JOHNSON'S TRAIL

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, wanted for violation of the Mann act, will be extradited and returned to Chicago on a charge of conspiracy, according to United States District Attorney Clyne. Under a recent supreme court decision Johnson can be charged with conspiracy, which is extraditable.

If not arrested before or after the boxing match in Juarez, said Clyne, he will be indicted for conspiracy and arrested, wherever he may be.